

City of Westfield Parks & Recreation 5 Year Comprehensive Plan

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INTRODUCTION



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SUMMARY

In 2022, the City of Westfield Parks & Recreation Department embarked on an important step in the evolution of the Department through the development of a master plan for all parks within the City of Westfield. Utilizing the 2017 Master Plan, the City worked to review, confirm, and update a reasonable and responsible vision for each park. The Department focused on creating a city wide park master plan to give them a target that could be implemented over time as resources are available. With the background of the Department's Mission Statement, the planning team consisting of park staff, stakeholders, and the consultant team set forth several goals based on public input:

- Provide easy access to parks, trails, and recreational amenities for all residents of Westfield.
- Focus on opportunities to add park land to the City's inventory, planning for future growth.
- Work to complete connectivity of primary trails throughout the city, while continuing to increase connectivity of bikeways and pedestrian paths.
- Prepare for capital and departmental improvements for the next 5 years with an eye toward the future beyond.

With these goals in mind, the consultants reviewed information from past master plan documents, as well as current documentation provided by park staff. The planning team toured all of the facilities at each park and provided broad evaluations for the public facilities and equipment throughout the parks.

DISCOVERY

Mission Statement

Enhancing the Quality of Life by connecting the Residents and Visitors of Westfield to each other, the natural environment, and unique recreation opportunities.

Values

- Protect- the Natural, Cultural and Historic resources of Westfield
- Collaborate and Connect- with the community
- Enrich- the community through connectivity
- Provide- the highest level of recreation amenities



LANDSCAPE AND CULTURAL FEATURES



The City of Westfield is located in western Hamilton County, in the central part of the state, immediately north of Marion County and the state capitol of Indianapolis. Hamilton County is the fastest growing county in the state, and in the top 20 counties for growth in the nation.

Westfield is bordered to the east by Noblesville and to the south by Carmel. To the west it is bordered by Zionsville and Boone County. US Route 31 is the main highway through the city, leading north 31 miles to Kokomo and south 9 miles to Interstate 465, the beltway around

Indianapolis. Indiana State Road 32 is Westfield's Main Street and leads east 6 miles to Noblesville and west 18 miles to Lebanon. State Road 38 runs diagonally north of Westfield and provides a semblance of a northern border to the city.

The topography in Westfield and Hamilton County in general is very flat, and has a long history of agriculture. Prior to significant agricultural development, the area was heavily wooded and contained large marsh lands. With developing agricultural practices, much of the old growth woodlands were removed and the wetland areas were significantly drained. This allowed for intensive agriculture historically throughout the area, and eventually lead to extensive residential and commercial development throughout the area. Ultimately, for recreation purposes, there are few topographic obstacles to developing passive and active recreation spaces, as long as land can be acquired and preserved before or in concurrence with further commercial and residential development pressures. Generally, opportunities for recreation rely upon the natural features of a region. With such broad expanses of flat, easily developable land, very little is left over for parks and recreation sites, and ongoing development continues to drive prices for undeveloped land higher. Westfield has put in place several codes and variances to assure connectivity and greenspace remain a priority as development increases, but there is always room for improvement.

Many of the old growth forests have been removed as agricultural development and subsequent commercial and residential development has overcome the County. The few pockets of forested area left are typically found in the agricultural areas as left over farm plots, and are second or third generation wood lots. Other wooded areas have been protected by park development.

Very few water resources exist in the City. Cool Creek and Little Eagle Creek are the only significant natural waterways within the township, with Grassy Branch Creek serving as a focal point within the new Grand Junction Plaza in Downtown. There are several small streams and regulated drainage ways that have been channelized or manipulated to better accommodate agricultural and man-made development drainage. There are no significant lakes or ponds within the area beyond those created as part of commercial or residential development, or in private ownership.

Westfield has a strong agricultural history and deep seated Quaker and Methodist roots. The area was well known as a stop for the Underground Railroad before the Civil War from the 1830's through 1863. As the town developed, religion was a centerpiece of the community, resulting in many small churches that can be found throughout the area. The Town of Westfield was incorporated in 1834 and became a city in 2008.

The City is served by the Westfield Washington Schools, as well as St. Maria Goretti School, a Montessori School, and the Union Bible College. Also, Guerin Catholic High School is located on the eastern boundary of the Township in Noblesville, but attracts students from throughout the County.

There are 9 different park departments throughout Hamilton County, with 3 overlapping jurisdiction in Westfield. Westfield Parks, Washington Township Parks, and Hamilton County Parks all have parkland and trails in and around Westfield. This can be confusing to the public at times, but all work together along with neighboring departments to provide high quality parks and recreation amenities to residents. Each department has its own focus and specialties, with some focusing on nature and natural history, others on programming and events, and many on active and passive recreation.

DEMOGRAPHICS



In January 2008, Westfield was incorporated as a city, and Andy Cook was sworn in as mayor. With rapid population growth in areas already occupied by the preexisting town, the city population in 2010 was more than triple that of 2000, with continued growth by over 60% to 46,410 in the 2020 Census. Current estimates show over 50,000 residents in 2022. Because of the growing size of the city, officials continue with planning and managing appropriate growth as the City grows through annexation for both residential and commercial development.

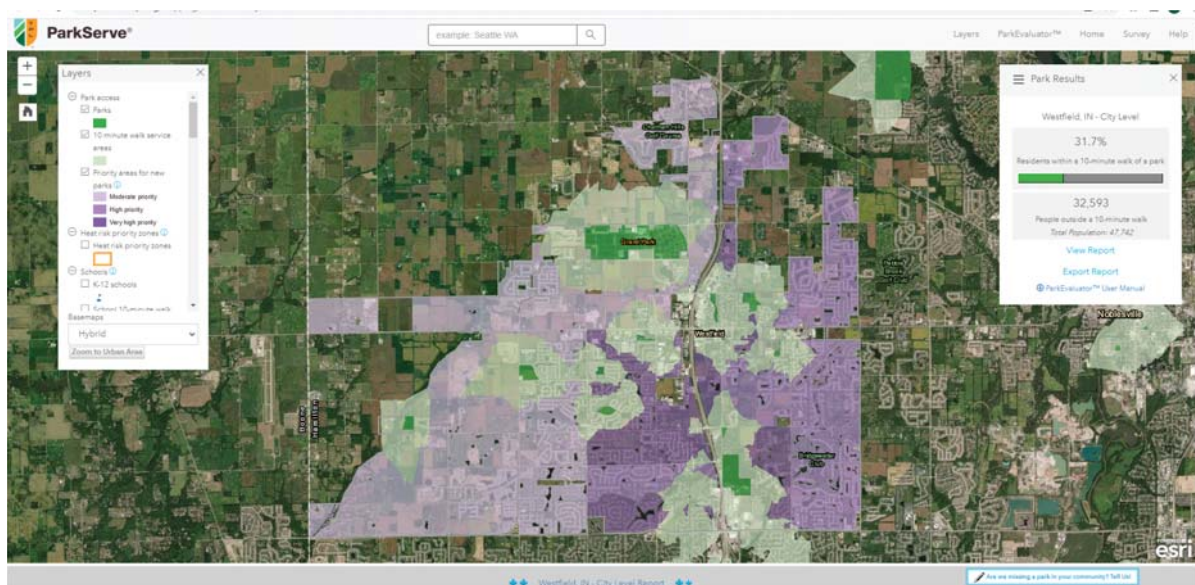
Diversity in Westfield is increasing. The city is approximately 82% white, 8% Hispanic/Latino, 4.5% Black/African American, 4.6% two or more races, and 2.9% Asian. This is a significant change from the 2010 Census indicating nearly 91% white, and other races less than half of their current percentages. This is especially notable given the rapid increase in population being seen. Nearly 30% of the population is under 18 years old, and approximately 13% is over 65. A high percentage of the population consists of young to middle age families with young children. Over 96% of adults over 25 years old are high school graduates, with nearly 55% holding a Bachelor's Degree or higher level of education. Both of those numbers have increased since 2010, with college graduates increasing by more than 10%.

Household income, per the 2020 Census was \$99,855, now estimated to be well over \$100,000. However, 5.8% of the population is in poverty per the Census. Coming out of the Pandemic, labor force participation is increasing and unemployment has decreased dramatically. It is important for the Park Department to consider the population in poverty as it continues to plan for new parks, park improvements, transportation, trail connectivity, and affordability for those in poverty and with lesser means than the average household income. While there are numerous high-end residential developments, there are pockets in the community with subsidized housing, and additional attention should be made to ensure parks, amenities, and recreational needs are met in those areas.

According to data provided by the Trust for Public Lands (TPL), approximately 32% of Westfield residents live within a 10-minute walk of one of the City's 14 parks. The

majority of these residents are white, high-income adults. The median for the 14,000 cities and towns studied by TPL is 55%. Currently, about 3% of Westfield's city land is used for parks and recreation, as compared to a median of 15%. TPL studies U.S. cities' public park systems based on five criteria: access, investment, amenities, acreage, and equity. As a benchmark for comparison, Washington, DC (#1 best on TPL's ParkScore Index) has 21% of its city land devoted to parks and recreation, with 98% of residents living within a 10-minute walk. At the bottom end of the ParkScore spectrum, Oklahoma City has just 2% of its city land devoted to parks and recreation, with 38% of residents living within a 10-minute walk.

These metrics do not necessarily reflect an accurate picture of Westfield's system, since as a comparatively affluent community, many neighborhood developments have access to parks, greenspace, trails, and aquatics facilities that are not city-owned or operated. However, there are a number of neighborhoods that do fall into low-income categories. Specific focus should be paid to those areas to ensure public parks and recreation amenities are available to those most in need.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

COMMUNITY SURVEY

Between March 25th and April 29th, 2022, a community survey was available through SurveyMonkey. The City posted links to social media and utilized email blasts to distribute links to the survey. It was open to the public, but is not to be considered a randomized or statistically accurate survey. A separate survey was also sent to stakeholders and private businesses with missions or focus compatible with the Park Department.

The Department received 236 completed responses online. The survey included detailed questions about the Parks Department, facilities, parks, trails, programs, community parks and recreation needs, and demographic information. The survey was formatted in multiple choice, ranking, and open-ended style questions.

The information received was consistent with past surveys and identified the needs and goals of the Department. Most of the respondents appear to be families, especially younger families, with multiple children. Over 60 percent of respondents were in the 35-54 age range with nearly 20 percent over 55 years old. Nearly all provided their family income range, with approximately 85 percent indicating over \$80,000 in income, including over 35 percent making over \$160,000. Just over 2% indicated a family income less than \$40,000.

Parks close to downtown are highly used, while some outlying and undeveloped properties see significantly fewer visitors. The Monon Trail has been used by nearly 90% of respondents, and over 75% for the Midland Trace Trail. Other trails are highly utilized as well, with numerous comments related to high levels of connectivity and some comments requesting some trail linkages be completed soon. Over 55% visit parks with children, 35% with family, and 25% visit parks by themselves.

Most ranked the parks, facilities, and trails as 'Very Good' or 'Good' in quality,





condition and value. The highest ranking recreational athletic fields/courts were Basketball and Pickleball. It should also be noted that Baseball/Softball, Soccer and other multi-use field sports (football, rugby, lacrosse) should also be considered as the City continues the process of evaluating proposals for selling or privatizing Grand Park. Grand Park is currently utilized primarily for travel and club sports, but do provide facilities for use by Westfield Youth Sports (WYSI). If Grand Park is sold, the City and Park Department will need to consider and plan for new or existing properties to accommodate WYSI practices and competitions.

Some specific park and recreation items to add or develop include:

- Trails & Connectivity
- Natural areas and Nature Preserves
- Splash Pad/Spray Parks
- Playgrounds
- Dog Park

Some specific themes that came up in the survey include:

- Adding/developing parkland ranked high with a lower but balanced view of maintenance of existing facilities, adding new elements to existing parks.
- Need for Parks/Amenities in the western portions of the city, including northwest and southwest areas.
- Combinations of funding sources should be used for park growth, including private investment and donations.
- Nearly 60% of respondents indicated they would support a park foundation, with only 5% indicating they would not.
- Increase opportunities for nature experiences and passive recreation.
- Continue to develop Safe Trail crossings at streets
- Recreation/Multipurpose green space and courts for youth sports.

PUBLIC SURVEY RESULTS



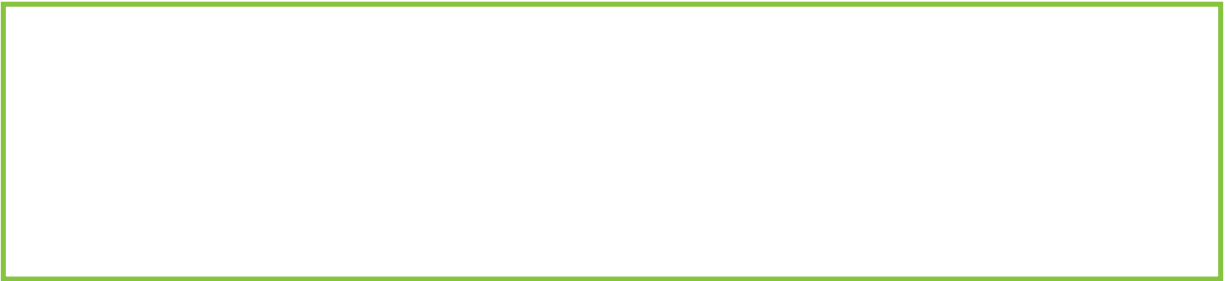
The public survey received 232 responses in March & April of 2022. Respondents indicated a desire for additional basketball and pickleball courts, and ranked nature preserves/natural areas, trails, playgrounds, and picnic shelters highest when asked what amenities they would like to see added or developed within Westfield Parks.

In general, respondents felt that Westfield Parks are well maintained and appreciate the extent of trail connectivity, but would like to see safer trail crossings and planning for preservation of natural areas.

Which City of Westfield Parks* have you visited, and how often do you visit?
Please list number of visits per year for each park below.*unless noted otherwise

Answered: 226 Skipped: 6

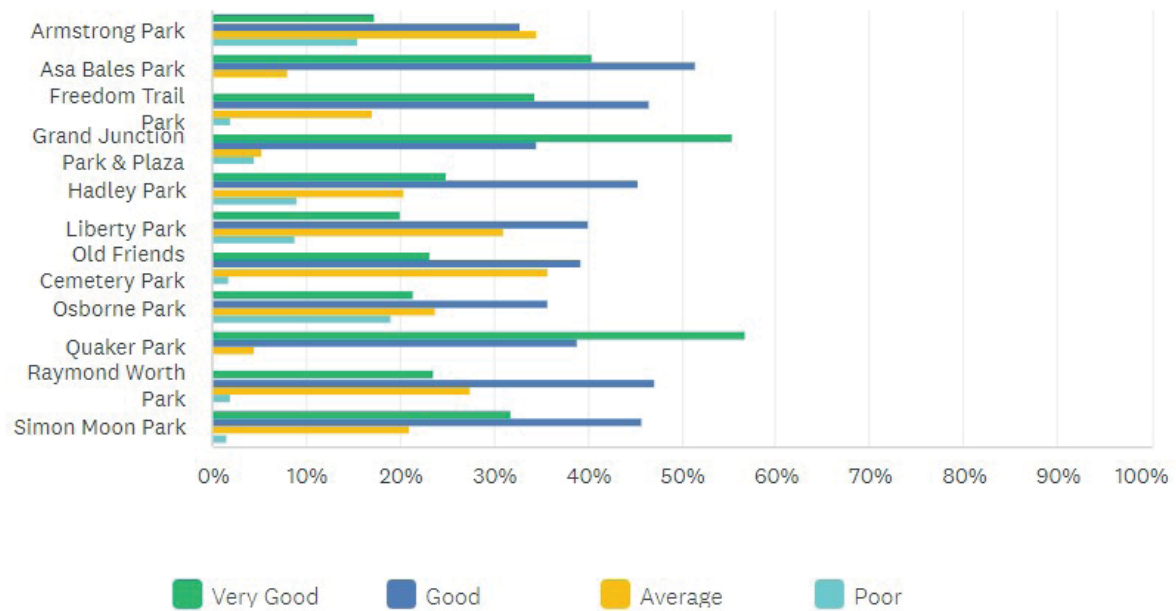
ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Cool Creek Park (Hamilton County Parks)	Responses	87.61%	198
Asa Bales Park	Responses	71.68%	162
Quaker Park	Responses	61.95%	140
MacGregor Park (Westfield Washington Township Parks & Recreation)	Responses	57.52%	130
Grand Junction Park & Plaza	Responses	53.54%	121
Simon Moon Park	Responses	53.54%	121
Freedom Trail Park	Responses	47.35%	107
Old Friends Cemetery Park	Responses	27.88%	63
Raymond Worth Park	Responses	27.43%	62
Liberty Park	Responses	25.66%	58
Armstrong Park	Responses	25.22%	57
Hadley Park	Responses	21.68%	49
Osborne Park	Responses	21.24%	48
Other nearby parks (please specify)	Responses	15.93%	36



Please rate the quality of each park and its facilities:

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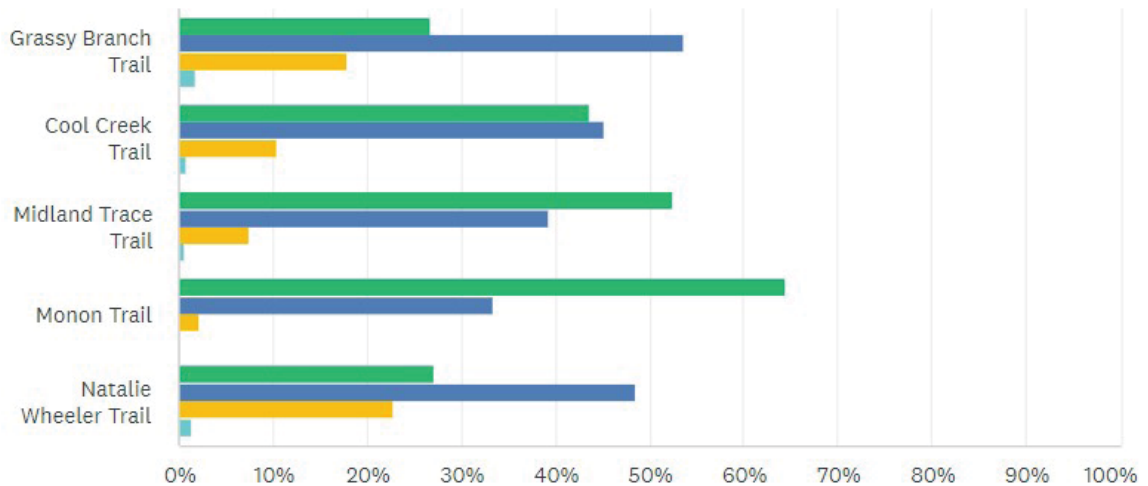
Answered: 206 Skipped: 26



Please rate the quality of each trail:

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Answered: 201 Skipped: 31



STAKEHOLDER MEETING



A stakeholder meeting was held with the Mayor, three City Council Members, the Park Director, and the Chief of Staff. The purpose of the planning process was discussed to provide a road map for priorities and development over the next 5 years, while also considering long term needs for park development within Westfield. The role and use of Park Impact Fees was discussed, with discussions given to the rapidly developing areas in the western portions of the City. Developer commitments for paths and trails as well as green space and recreational amenities have been incorporated into Zoning requirements, and most existing and planned neighborhoods have amenities such as pools, playgrounds, courts, and other park-like amenities. While these are not considered Public Parks or Amenities, it was noted that recreation opportunities are provided in many, especially wealthier, communities. Focus is still strong to provide good connectivity and public parks and recreation amenities.



While many of the wealthier communities provide private or semi public amenities, it is critical to continue to provide for current residents throughout the city, with special consideration for older, smaller, and denser neighborhoods that rely more heavily on public parks and trails.



The group discussed opportunities for further development of existing resources, but focused much of the discussion on proactively acquiring property in key locations to serve the growing areas of the city. This is key in the western areas where growth is predominant and city park property is minimal. Maintaining high levels of maintenance, upkeep, and service throughout existing parks and trails is extremely important. Continuing to connect

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

trails and bike/pedestrian paths throughout the city is also a high priority with much already in detailed planning stages.

One element that will not be decided prior to the completion of this plan is the status of Grand Park. The City has received interest from several entities regarding operations and/or purchase of the property, which could result in loss of access of some fields to Westfield Youth Sports. Accommodating that need in the event of a sale or change of operations needs to be considered as decisions progress regarding Grand Park.

Key Themes

- Property Acquisition
- Development of un/underdeveloped properties
- Reservable shelters
- Splash pads
- Providing Shade at facilities
- Passive Parks/Preserve Undeveloped, Natural areas
- Discussions have been floated between the Township and the City regarding the future of MacGregor Park, with the potential for the City to acquire the park
- The City is not focused on park programming as that is a saturated market with surrounding Departments and community groups, but rather focus on passive/self-directed park amenities
- Possibility of Grand Park being sold, and potential preparation for Parks to provide fields

Priorities

- Land Acquisition - Proactive acquisition where possible
- Complete Simon Moon Park Development
- Development of Armstrong & Osborne Parks
- Completion of items at Grand Park
- Accommodate increasing pressure on Splash pads and Shelters
- Be good stewards of Tax Dollars afforded to run the Department
- Department staffing is low compared to peers

ACCESSIBILITY & UNIVERSAL DESIGN

Creating accessibility throughout a park system is no small task. Accessibility encompasses so many different things, from people with temporary disabilities to people who lack financial resources. Each person, regardless of physical, mental, emotional, or financial ability must be considered and included in all facets of facility and program design. In order to meet the recreation needs of the county residents and visitors with disabilities, it is the goal of the City of Westfield Parks and Recreation to offer barrier-free facilities, programs and services that are inclusive of all users whenever feasible.

A goal is to continue to increase accessibility throughout all parks. Recently, all existing playgrounds have been resurfaced with artificial turf, allowing for accessibility throughout the play areas. Previously many were surfaced with engineered mulch, which can be challenging for those with disabilities.

The existing surface materials of some nature trails and intended use of some of the park's facilities may be restrictive and make meeting ADA requirements challenging. The department is committed to accommodating all individuals with special needs and has policies and procedures in place to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

All facilities and most parks with developed parking have accessible parking spaces and accessible routes that meet ADA requirement at a minimum. Some undeveloped or minimally developed parks plan to provide accessible parking as the park and facilities are developed.



ACCESSIBILITY & UNIVERSAL DESIGN



FACILITIES

All facilities are designed to meet or exceed accessibility requirements. Some storage facilities and barns are not universally accessible, but accommodations are made for park users and programs as needed.

TRAILS

All named trails, bikeways, and pedestrian ways are paved. Most trails in the parks are either paved, with a few parks housing trails constructed with an accessible crushed stone. A few parks have nature trails are narrow compacted earth paths. When well-compacted, some of the unpaved trails are readily used by those using a wheelchair or walker or those with other limited mobility disabilities. Occasionally crushed stone surfaces may develop loose or unstable surface and along with natural earth pathways, may not be readily accessible, but are quickly maintained when washouts occur.

FREEDOM TRAIL PARK

While all parks offer universal accessibility, Freedom Trail Park goes a step further. The all-inclusive playground, along with the sensory garden, is specifically designed for children of all abilities and to provide a chance for all children to learn and grow while playing together. During the design of the play area, the Hamilton County Autism Support Group worked with the City of Westfield to ensure the features included are ones which children with autism would prefer, for example, spinning and twirling features. The equipment was built so more than one individual in a wheelchair can pass on the wide ramp system leading to all the play features. The swings also include handicap accessible swings instead of platform swings. The surfacing of the playground area, including the swing set, is artificial turf. Freedom Trail Park's all-inclusive playground and sensory garden were the first of their kind the State of Indiana and continues to be upgraded with new features and amenities in keeping with its goal.

NEEDS & PRIORITIES

Throughout the planning process, the planning team with the city continually reviewed existing development trends, census information, survey results, facility inventories to identify needs and priorities for the Parks.

Top priorities for the City are Land Acquisition, Completion of Trail Connectivity and Safe Crossings, and Development of underdeveloped properties.



NEEDS ANALYSIS

We have analyzed this information after reviewing existing programs and facilities, public survey, public input, stakeholder input, and committee and staff input. Along with considerations for national standards, neighboring and overlapping park departments, we have identified needs for each of the department's properties and facilities. In the following section, maps for each park and trail will lay out specific needs to each facility. The needs analysis did not consider standard or routine maintenance items as part of the master plan, but those items were discussed and shared with the team. The needs focused primarily on specific items that will enhance parks, meet needs of ever increasing use, and providing new amenities throughout the park system for the benefit of the community. Overall Park and Department Needs have been identified on the following Action Plan.

Property acquisition was a key priority given the growth rate of the city. Trail connectivity was also a focus, as was improvements to un- or underdeveloped park properties. Developments at the Lagoons at Simon Moon Park, Raymond Worth Park, and Osborne Park are all opportunities to develop unused park properties to add new and unique amenities to the department. Both Osborne and Raymond Worth Parks, through new development, will begin to satisfy the growing need for park space and amenities in the Southwest quadrant of the City. The completion of Grand Junction will continue to activate the downtown and encourage more use as well a connectivity throughout the city via the trail stem.

NEEDS & PRIORITIES

PRIORITIES

In keeping with the department's vision and mission, the Action Plan assigns a priority of 1 through 3 for each of the Needs listed, indicating importance to the community, stakeholders, staff, and elected officials. Funding and opportunity will be key in how much of the Action Plan can be accomplished.

ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan is intentionally a stretch goal for the Department, providing a guide for operation and development for the next 5 years. The committee has assembled all relevant input from stakeholder meetings, community meetings, surveys, and staff. They evaluated the data and incorporated all pertinent ideas into the action plan. Items were prioritized and assigned a budget to allow for ongoing reference and planning.

Currently the Action Plan is in DRAFT form, and while most items are shown on the list, priorities and budgets are yet to be determined by the master plan committee. It is anticipated that further input may add additional items to the list.

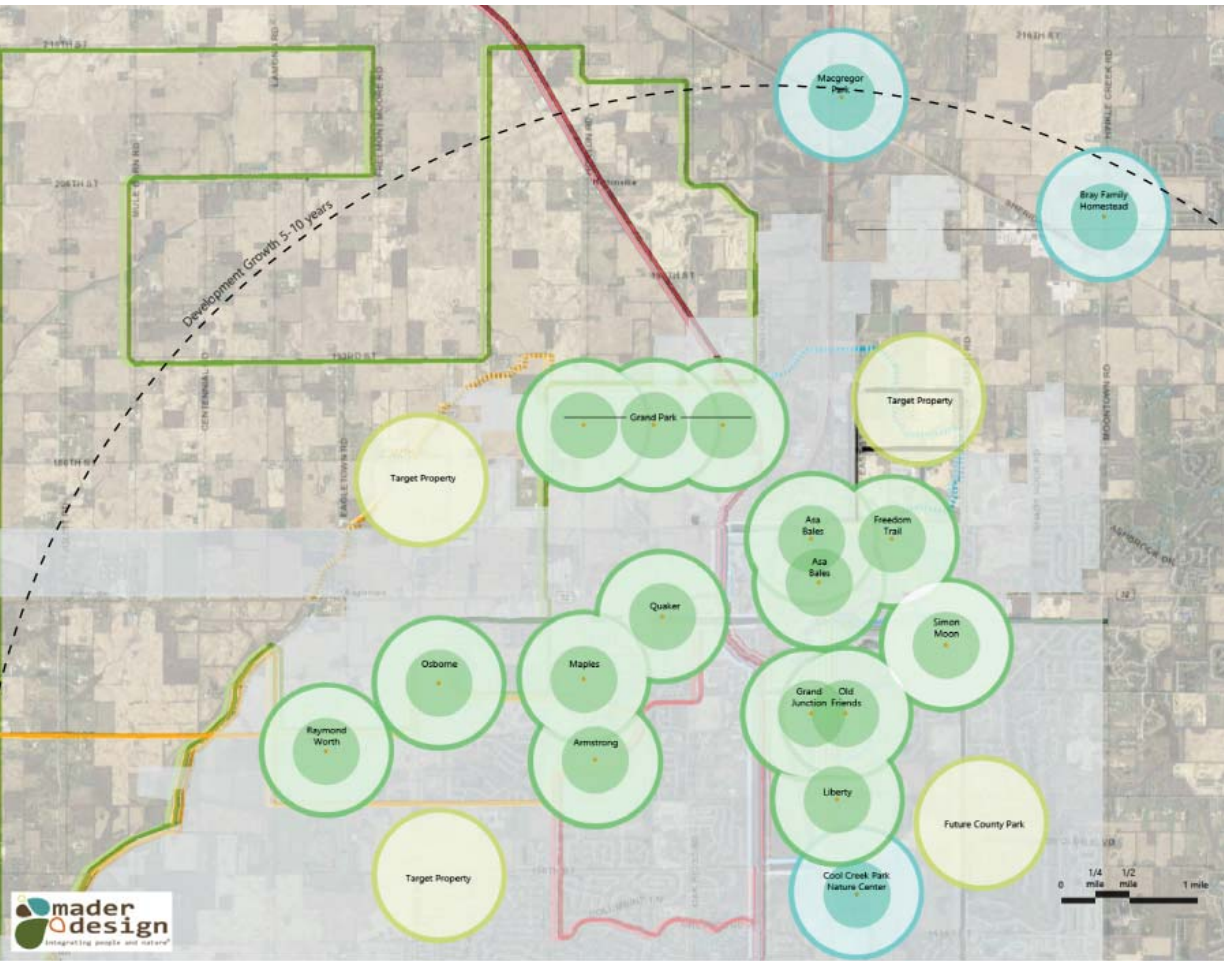
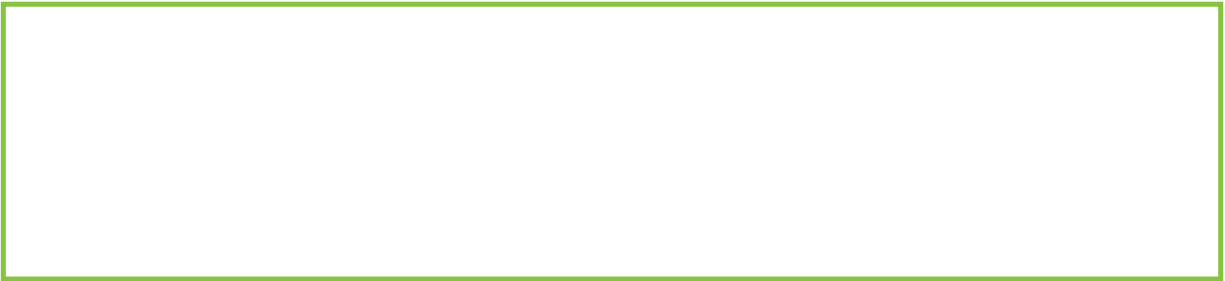


STAFF PRIORITIES

City Leaders, DPW, and Park Department Staff worked as part of the planning team to identify critical needs and prioritize next steps. The overall action plan provides a broad scope guide for the next 5 to 10+ years, with these items rising to the top in terms of need, priority, and capacity to achieve.

The City of Westfield Parks and Recreation Department's priorities for Park and Trail Capitol Improvements are as follows:

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| 1. Simon Moon Projects
Upgrades w/ Restoration | \$11m |
| 2. Grand Junction
Band Shell & Improvements | \$8.4m |
| 3. Proactive Property Acquisition
West/Northwest | \$20m |
| 4. Trail Connectivity
Safe Crossings & Connections | \$10m |
| 5. Armstrong Park
Master Planning & Improvements | \$4.1m |
| 6. Freedom Trail Park
Shelter, Restrooms, Field Improvements | \$1.3m |
| 7. Osborne Park
Master Planning & Improvements | \$2.6m |
| 8. Asa Bales Park
Trail Lighting & Improvements | \$450k |
| 9. Quaker Park - Pickleball Courts | \$200k |
| 10. Raymond Worth Park
Restroom & Trails | \$1.1m |



ACTION PLAN

Location	Priority	Price	Funding Source
Armstrong Park			
Install native plantings to help with wet grass and drainage issues	1	\$75,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Splash pad	2	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Playground	1	\$400,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Parking Lot	1	\$400,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Pickleball Courts	1	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Basketball Court	1	\$120,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Return to natural area	1	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Boardwalk	2	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Frisbee Golf	1	\$25,000	Budget, Impact Fee, donor/volunteer
Open lawn multipurpose area	1	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Flex Building/Rental Facility with Restroom	2	\$1,500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shelters	2	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Fishing Access	1	\$75,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Asa Bales Park			
Light for trails and shelters - Install Electricity and Water throughout park	1	\$450,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Create art in park program	4	\$15,000	In house
Tree Plantings to replace aging trees	1	\$30,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Bike Racks	1	\$10,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Golf Cart Parking	2	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shade at playgrounds	1	\$150,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Restoration/Preservation of Cemetery	2	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee, donor/volunteer

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Location	Priority	Price	Funding Source
Freedom Trail Park			
Permanent restroom facility	1	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shelter with electricity	1	\$120,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Transition north sports field into dog park	2	\$225,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Replace Playground Equipment	1	\$800,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Add more shade structures	2	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Electricity/Technology	1	\$100,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Redevelop Multiuse Fields	1	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
New Entry/Access Drive	3	\$3,000,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Better Wayfinding Signage at Hoover/ East Street	1	\$10,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Grand Junction Plaza			
Band Shell	1	\$5,000,000	Budget, Impact Fee, Donations
Phase 2 Plaza Improvements	3	\$3,000,000	Budget, Impact Fee, Donations
Gate Closure Arms on Jersey Street	1	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shade Structures	2	\$100,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Digital Kiosk	1	\$15,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Renovation of Mill Street House	1	\$125,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Grand Park			
3 playgrounds	1	\$800,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Nature Trails	2	\$100,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Splash pad	4	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee

ACTION PLAN

Location	Priority	Price	Funding Source
Hadley Park			
Community Programming Board	3	\$15,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Add/improve signage	1	\$10,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Centerpiece upgrade - art or kiosk	1	\$25,000	Work with WHS
Liberty Park			
Trail Connections north and west in association with new Roundabout	1	\$100,000	Transportation Funds/Impact Fee
Restoration and extension of boardwalk for connectivity	1	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Interpretive Signage	1	\$20,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Old Friends Cemetery Park			
Headstone & Cemetery Restoration	3	\$100,000	Donor, volunteer, Impact Fee
Osborne Park			
Trails/Walkway/Fishing around pond	1	\$350,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Plant trees and habitat areas	1	\$125,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Trail connections	1	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Open Play Space	1	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Parking	1	\$350,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Playground	1	\$400,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Splash pad	1	\$450,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Restroom	1	\$400,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Picnic Shelters	1	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee

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Location	Priority	Price	Funding Source
Quaker Park			
Expand parking	1	\$250,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Connections to Trail	3	\$30,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Pickleball Courts - Add 3	1	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Removal of Bocce Ball courts	1	\$20,000	In House, Impact Fee
Raymond Worth Park			
Archery Range	3	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee, donor/volunteer
Restroom	1	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Shelter	2	\$200,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Dredge pond for fishing	3	\$75,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Tent/ Primitive camping	3	\$30,000	Budget, Impact Fee, donor/volunteer
Habitat Restoration	2	\$50,000	Budget, Impact Fee, volunteer
Trail signage	1	\$20,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Parking & Trail Expansion	1	\$600,000	Budget, Impact Fee
High Rope Course	4	\$500,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Simon Moon Park			
Implement Master Plan	1	\$11,000,000	Budget, Impact Fee
Woods at the Maples Park			
Ash Tree Removal	2	\$5-10,000/yr	Maintenance/Operations
Road Crossing Improvements Study			
Planning/Study	1	\$400,000	

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Location	Priority	Price	Funding Source
Monon			
Trailhead in 191st Street area to include land, restrooms & water	1	\$5,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Interpretation - battery power RR station / telegraph / post office	2	\$75,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Full Campground with tent & RV full hookup / Ride In Campground	3	\$5,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Add Trail Lighting	1	\$1,500,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Greyhound Pass	2	\$3,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 156th Street	2	\$500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 169th Street	2	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Westfield Park Road	2	\$500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 181st Street	2	\$500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 186th Street	2	\$500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - 191st Street (Grand Park)	2	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Tunnel - 161st Street	1	\$7,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee

ACTION PLAN

Location	Priority	Price	Funding Source
Midland			
Trailhead at Kroger with shade	1	\$250,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Lighting - east of Union Street to Gray Road	2	\$825,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Oak Ridge	1	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Carey	1	\$5,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing - Gray	1	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing @ 32 at Jolietville	1	\$4,000,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Safe Crossing @ Little Eagle Creek	3	\$2,500,000	Transportation Grant/Impact Fee
Monon/Midland Loop at 156th Street			
Complete Trail Loop	1	\$750,000	Transportation Money/Grant
Cool Creek Trail			
Connect to Liberty Park	1	\$250,000	Transportation Money/Grant
Connection of Simon Moon to Cool Creek Park	1	\$5,000,000	Transportation Money/Grant
Natalie Wheeler Trail			
SEC Trail Head development	1	\$450,000	Budget/Impact Fee

ACTION PLAN

Location	Priority	Price	Funding Source
Policies and Procedures			
Mapping			In House
Invasive Species Removal Plan			In House
Mayor's Green Initiative			In House
Encourage Private Property Naturalization			In House
Marketing / Ad / Media Plan			In House
ADA Compliance Plan			In House
Fishing / Water / Small Boating			In House
Long term maintenance plans for parks and trails			In House
Drone Policy			In House
Property Acquisition			
Northwest Area Property	1	\$10,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Southwest Area Property	1	\$10,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
North/Northeast Property	1	\$10,000,000	Budget/Impact Fee
Considerations/Discussions with Township regarding MacGregor Park	1		Study In House
Considerations/Discussions with Schools about property acquisition	1		Study In House

ACTION PLAN

Location	Priority	Price	Funding Source
Considerations for All Parks			
Pollinator gardens/plantings	2	\$5-25,000/ea	Maintenance/Operations
Add or improve Interpretive Signage		\$2-5,000/ea	Maintenance/Operations
Plant natives to replace invasive species		\$25,000	Maintenance/Operations
Public Wifi at Facilities & Park Areas	1	tbd	
Hazard Tree Removal		\$10,000/yr	Maintenance/Operations
Playground Updates		\$1-300,000/ea	Maintenance/Operations
Teen Focused Amenities		tbd	
Other			
Light Pole banner/flower basket arms study size and number for new lights		tbd	Study In House
People mover / trolley/ transit / circulation between parks & Grand Junction		tbd	Study In House

ARMSTRONG PARK

16200 Countryside Boulevard

ABOUT ARMSTRONG PARK

Armstrong Park is an open grass land that can be used for un-programmed recreational activities. A trail crosses the park site, connecting to the existing trail system in the Countryside Subdivision. This property allows for several options for future development. There is no direct parking to access Armstrong Park which the surrounding subdivision prefers. Any additional features may warrant the desire and need of a parking lot.

Acres: 15.41

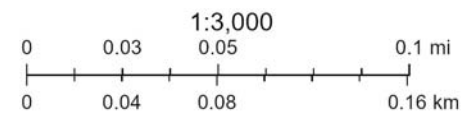
CURRENT AMENITIES

- Trail (paved)
- Benches
- Trash Receptacles

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Alternate plantings to help with wet grass and drainage issues
- Splashpad/playground
- Upgrade trash and recycling bins
- Parking Lot
- Pickleball Courts
- Basketball Courts
- Flex Building /Shelter
- Restroom

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



ASA BALES PARK

205 West Hoover Street

ABOUT ASA BALES PARK

Asa Bales Park is a 13 acre linear park located in the heart of Westfield. The northern section of the park can be accessed from Hoover Street and features a playground, skate park, three rentable shelters, restrooms, and parking. The southern section can be accessed from Main Street/SR 32 or a new entrance off of Union Street and features a playground, natural amphitheater, and the historic Anti-Slavery Cemetery. Parking for the south section of Asa Bales Park is available at 200 Camilla Ct., off of Main Street (SR 32). A beautiful walking trail winds throughout the park that connects to Downtown Westfield and Grand Junction Trail at the south end. The Thompson Canal runs through the park from north to south, enhancing the setting. Vandalism is the most prevalent at this park due to its proximity to the Middle School.

Acres: 13.24

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Two Playgrounds (Northern one to be replaced)
- Public restrooms (not open year-round)
- Parking Lots
- Natural Amphitheater
- Charcoal Grill
- Trail (paved) Monon/Midland Trail Loop
- Three Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Drinking Fountain
- Skate Park
- Dog Waste Station
- Anti-Slavery Cemetery
- Rhodes Family Historic Marker
- Swings
- Frisbee Golf

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Light Trails and Shelters
- Widen and upgrade trails to measure 12' across
- Upgrade trash and recycling bins
- Shade for Playground
- Tree Replacement

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



FREEDOM TRAIL PARK

500 Deer Walk Trace

ABOUT FREEDOM TRAIL PARK

Freedom Trail Park is home to the Westfield Youth Sports Inc. youth football and lacrosse fields. It is also the sight of the Rotary Club of Westfield's signature project, a sensory garden that surrounds the state's only all-inclusive playground, with several unique and interactive play features. The park is bordered by Cool Creek and serene woodlands and has a beautiful riparian way on the east side of the park. There are some minor wetlands, and the flora and fauna in this area make for a unique setting. An ongoing prairie restoration on the west side of the Freedom Trail Park was started in 2010 and the new Adopt-a-Prairie program allows groups and organizations to get involved with maintaining it. The trail winding throughout Freedom Trail Park allows visitors to enjoy all its wonderful features. The sports fields currently connect to the local elementary school that has their own maintained sports fields. To access Freedom Trail Park, users must drive through a subdivision.

Acres: 29.53

CURRENT AMENITIES

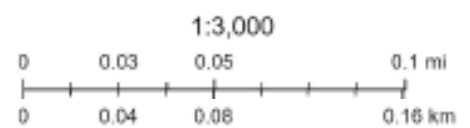
- All Inclusive Playground
- Sensory Garden
- Vine Covered Teepees
- Interactive Wind Chime
- Portable Restroom
- Sports Fields (no lighting)
- Trail (paved to playground – unpaved to sports fields)
- Bike Rack
- Benches
- Dog Waste Station
- Prairie Establishment

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Permanent restroom facility
- Shelter with electricity
- Additional park amenities created by the Rotary Club of Westfield
- Upgrade trash and recycling bins
- Transition north sports field into dog park
- Future improvements to sports fields based on Change in Grand Parks Future



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA

Downtown Westfield

ABOUT GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA

Grand Junction Plaza is a new six-acre park in the center of Westfield designed to be a civic space that will be the central focus of the City's development plan while mitigating regional stormwater and facilitating the restoration of Grassy Branch Creek to its pre-Swamp Act beauty. The design of the park allows citizens the opportunity to access Grassy Branch Creek while remediating the stream central to the site and tying it into the regional stormwater mitigation system. The park will incorporate four key spaces consisting of three pavilions, an outdoor performance venue, a café, and a trailhead pavilion at the convergence of several highly traffic bicycle and pedestrian thoroughfares, and a children's play area.

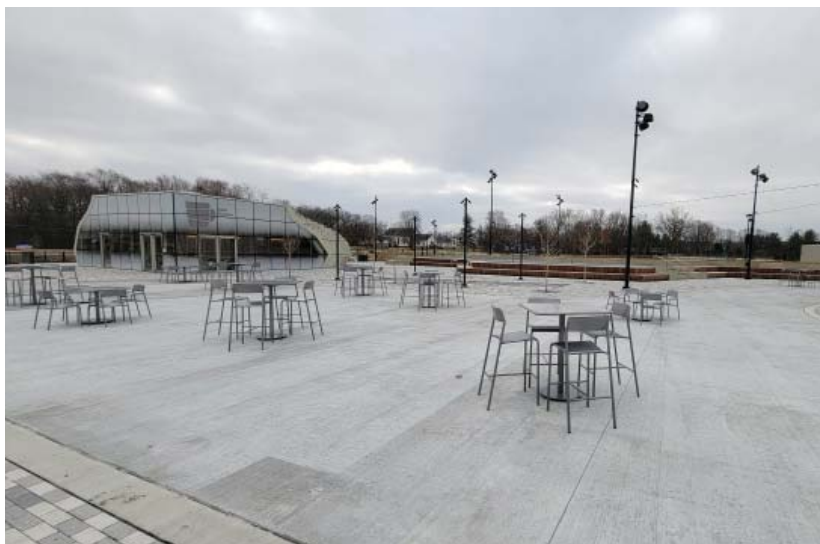
Acres: 6

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Stage pavilion / amphitheater
- Riparian corridor restoration
- Ice skating loop and support structure
- Stage support structure
- Designated age range children's play areas
- Wetland amphitheater
- Boardwalk
- Jet Fountain
- Pedestrian bridges over Grassy Branch Creek

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Band Shell
- Trailhead pavilion



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



GRAND PARK SPORTS CAMPUS

19000 Grand Park Boulevard

ABOUT GRAND PARK SPORTS CAMPUS

Grand Park is a planned youth and adult recreational sports village designed to become a family sports destination like no other. It is a thoughtfully designed 400-acre campus featuring 26 baseball and softball diamonds, 31 multipurpose fields for soccer, football, rugby, field hockey and lacrosse as well as two indoor facilities to accommodate year-round play for a variety of sports. In the future, the entire complex will be surrounded by dining, retail and entertainment venues, all geared toward supporting and enhancing the family sports atmosphere and experience. Grand Park has already brought hundreds of thousands of visitors to the City of Westfield and plans to grow in order to accommodate the needs of visitors and citizens alike.

Acres: 400+

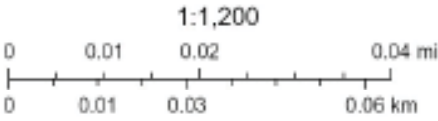
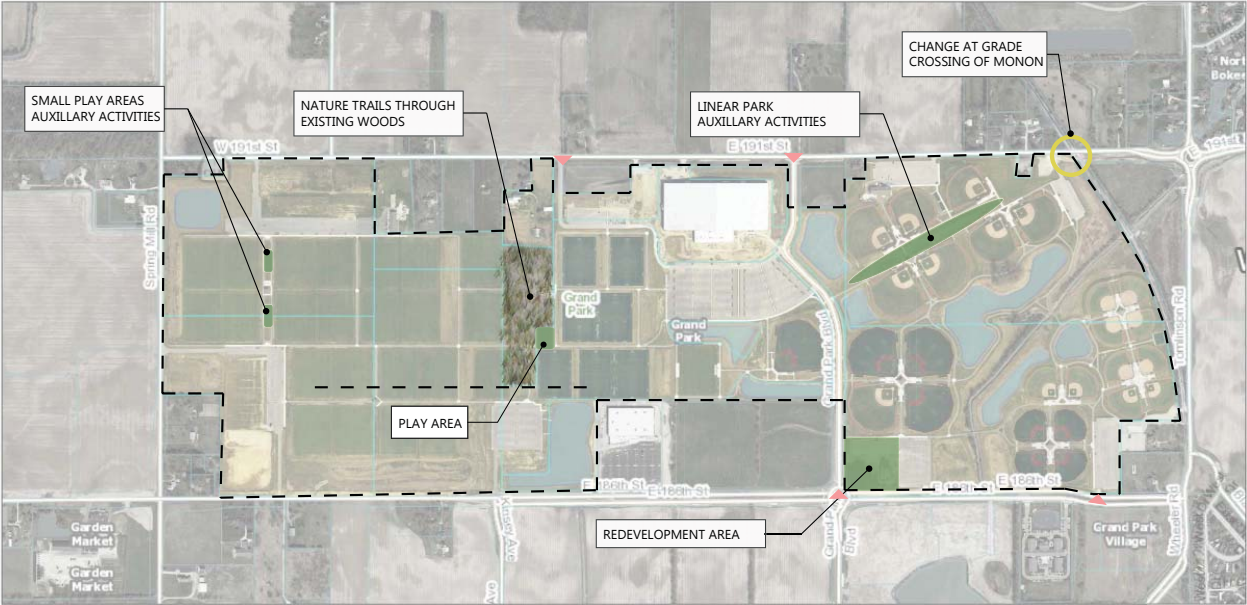
CURRENT AMENITIES

- 26 baseball/softball fields
- 31 multipurpose fields
- Grand Park Events Center
- Fieldhouse
- 10 miles of internal trails

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- 3 playgrounds (2 small play areas, 1 larger linear park)
- Nature Trails
- Auxiliary activities for family members
- Change at grade crossing of Monon

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



HADLEY PARK

100 West Main Street

ABOUT HADLEY PARK

Hadley Park is a historic pocket park located at the corner of Main Street (SR 32) and Union Street in the heart of downtown Westfield. The park was established in 1995 and is dedicated to Roy O. Hadley, a lifelong resident of Westfield. Hadley Park features commemorative brick pavers, leading to a stunning landscape structure, which is available for rental. The seating area is surrounded by beautiful flower gardens maintained by the Hamilton County Master Gardeners, making the park a great place for a quiet stop.

Acres: .15

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Benches
- Gardens
- Shelter

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Upgrade trash and recycling bins

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



LIBERTY PARK

16001 Westfield Boulevard

ABOUT LIBERTY PARK

Established in 2002, Liberty Park is a passive parkland located at the southeast corner of 161st Street and South Union Street, adjacent to Cook Creek. This wetland mitigation site was developed to help with water quality and management. Liberty Park features a boardwalk with interpretive signage leading to an observation deck overlooking the wooded wetlands and a gazebo constructed using materials reclaimed from an 1830s barn once located off of 146th Street. The gravel parking area allows for easy access to the Natalie Wheeler Trail, located just across the street from the park.

Acres: 5.2

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Approximately 5 acres of green space / wetland
- Parking
- 480 ft of boardwalk trail through wetland
- Gazebo
- Dog waste stations

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Restoration and extension of boardwalk
- Pedestrian connection across vehicular roads to nearby trail systems
- Maintenance plan
- Upgrade trash and recycling bins

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



OLD FRIENDS CEMETERY PARK

302 South Union Street

ABOUT OLD FRIENDS CEMETERY PARK

Old Friends Cemetery Park, formerly known as Martha Doan Memorial Garden is the site of the first cemetery in Westfield, established in the early 1830s. To honor the park's history, a formal garden has been established to commemorate Martha Doan and the trail system that travels through the park mimics the trail established by the Westfield Woman's Club in the 1960s. Other amenities that have been added include benches and beautiful new landscaping, renewing the tradition of cemeteries being used as parks that dates back to America's first public parks. The Midland Trace Trail with bike racks, a drinking fountain, and trash/recycling receptacles runs along the southern border of the park.

Acres: .79

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Trail (paved)
- Benches
- Drinking Fountain
- Bike Rack
- Martha Doan Memorial Garden
- Gazebo
- Interpretive signage (Voices from the Past Quaker Story)

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Continue trailhead to east in order to align across Union Street
- Maintenance/Headstone restoration plan
- Upgrade trash and recycle bins

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



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OSBORNE PARK

17001 Ditch Road

ABOUT OSBORNE PARK

Osborne Park is a 30+ acre area that was donated by the Westfield Washington School Corporation and is located on the corner of 169th Street and Ditch Road, adjacent to Maple Glen Elementary School. Featuring a small retention pond, this property allows for several options for future development.

Acres: 30.93

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Currently undeveloped

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Community fishing pond
- Walkway around pond
- Selectively plant trees
- Trail connections
- Green BMPs
- Four enclosures - phased implementation over a few years
- Restroom
- Playground
- Shelter with electricity
- Plan to implement public road/parking

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



QUAKER PARK

17501 Dartwon Road

ABOUT QUAKER PARK

Quaker Park is a seven acre park with ample paved parking available. Quaker Park hosts Westfield's only splash park, four shelters available for rental, a playground, public restrooms, pickleball courts, and a section of the Midland Trace Trail that connects to the Monon-Midland Loop. With plenty of parking, bike racks, and drinking fountains, Quaker Park serves as a great trailhead for the Monon Trail. The *Westfield in Bloom* display gardens help make Quaker Park the perfect setting for a family outing. Another feature is the Born Learning Trail, a trail that allows toddlers and preschool aged children to interact with their caregivers.

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Basketball Court
- Bocce ball Court
- Pickleball Courts
- Drinking Fountain
- Dog Drinking Bowl
- Dog Waste Station
- Born Learning Trail
- Benches
- Playground - with soft-fall play surface
- Yalp Sona Interactive Dance and Play Arch
- Gardens
- Parking
- Bike Rack
- Paved Trail
- Splash Park
- Shelter
- Public Restrooms
- Charcoal Grill

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Future extension west of Midland Trace Trail
- Frontage Road through park will mean relocation of some site amenities
- Expand parking
- Upgrade trash and recycling bins



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



RAYMOND WORTH PARK

16301 Little Eagle Creek Avenue

ABOUT RAYMOND WORTH PARK

These 30 acres of land on Little Eagle Creek Avenue were donated to the city of Westfield by the Wilfong Foundation. The land is situated at the intersection of a small creek which feeds into Little Eagle Creek. The mowed natural trails encourage pedestrian and equestrian use. Little Eagle Creek abuts property and runs through at some points providing opportunities for creek access.

Acres: 30

CURRENT AMENITIES

- 2 miles of Natural Trail Loops
- Gravel Parking Lot
- Deck overlooking pond (done by Eagle Scout)
- Tree planting as part of mitigation project
- Equestrian use encouraged

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Accessible ADA parking and trails to amenities on West
- Archery course
- Low ropes course
- Restroom
- Shelter / 3 sided with fireplace
- Update Signage
- Tent/Primitive Camping
- Habitat Restoration (Selective removal of invasive species that have self-seeded)
- Upgrade trash and recycling bins
- Trail signage



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



SIMON MOON PARK

2710 East 171st Street

ABOUT SIMON MOON PARK

Simon Moon Park is located adjacent to the Westfield City Service Center at 2710 East 171st Street. This park is an active park with a shelter available for rental, a playground for 2-5 year olds, and another playground for 5-12 year olds. The park features a 20-foot diameter Council Circle and Fire Pit, which is also available to rent for special events. "The Hill" is a great place for picnicking with tables on top and for sledding in the winter. The trail through Simon Moon Park connects to the Midland Trace Trail, the east-west running trail that will eventually extend to Noblesville, Grand Junction, and to the Monon Trail. The design for the further development of Simon Moon Park is underway with construction slated to begin in _____.

Acres: 5.85

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Sledding Hill
- Playground - with synthetic turf play surface
- Council Circle and Fire Pit
- Parking
- Picnic Tables
- Paved Trail
- Dog Drinking Bowl
- Shelter
- Drinking Fountain
- Dog Waste Station



FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Long range maintenance plan for trails
- Upgrade trash and recycling bins
- Add Additional 20+ acreage to park
- Add Additional Shelter
- Replace/upgrade playground
- Redevelop pond with water access for non-motorized boats
- Regional Detention incorporated into park
- Emergent wetlands
- Add Educational Pavilion
- Re-engineer Sledding Hill
- Add Boardwalks



PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



WOODS AT THE MAPLES PARK

Maple Knoll Subdivision

ABOUT WOODS AT THE MAPLES PARK

The Woods at the Maples is a land donation from a nearby developer. These woods are internal to Maple Knoll subdivision with the land being entirely wooded and adjacent to a small retention pond. Previous timbering has caused considerable damage to existing trees. Forestry recommendations are to limit park access over approximately 20 years to allow natural restoration of woodland.

Acres: 6.20

CURRENT AMENITIES

- Existing woodland

FUTURE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Ash Tree Removal

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



REMOVAL OF DEAD ASH TREES